

Berkley Public Library
Board Meetings Minutes
August 21, 2024

Present: Matt Church, Library Director; Carol Hermann, chairperson; Amanda Rohda, Rita Van Brandeghen, and Margaret McGee.

Meeting Convened 6:30 p.m.

Minutes from July 17th meeting were approved as printed.

There was no public comment

Discussion with Library Board Applicants:

Library Board is recommending Christina Grimm to become newest board member.

Librarian's Report:

The Library Director presented his reports on staff, building and grounds, programming, finances, technology, and the Friends of the Berkley Public Library fundraising.

Highlights of the report include:

- **Articipate** is now curating rotating shows for the Library. The most recent display was fiber crafts and one of the participating artists put on an introduction to weaving program.
- The very old HVAC system has been leaking a lot with the extremely hot temperatures. The new HVAC system (cooling and heating) should be installed in October.
- Summer reading programs were well attended.
- The library now has two blu-ray/dvd players available for check out.

Old Business:

Circulation: Circulation increased from last month, and increased from 2023 July.

New Business:

Matt is recommending to the city council with the full support of the Advisory Committee to remove the Library's non-resident card + fee (\$125). The service hasn't been utilized in over ten years.

The meeting was adjourned – 7:49pm

Next meeting – Wednesday, September 18th at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda Rohda